

Action taken on the suggestions made by the Land Reforms Committee.

Q.—16. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they had set up a Committee to suggest land reforms in the State ;

(b) if so, the reforms suggested ;

(c) the action taken thereon ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(a) Yes.

(b) A summary of the recommendations of the Committee is given at pages 209 to 216 of the Report of the Committee and pages 59 to 64 of Part II of the Report contain the views of the Committee on Inams.

(c) The Tenancy Act has been promulgated and its provisions have been brought into force in 9 Taluks of the State with effect from 1st August 1952. Necessary legislation has been undertaken regarding cultivation of fallow lands.

The other recommendations are under consideration.

Death of Men and Cattle due to Famine.

Q.—17. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of people that died on account of the recent famine situation in the State ;

(b) the number of cattle that perished on account of famine ;

(c) the steps taken by them to prevent the same—both short and long terms ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(a) Nil.

(b) Nil.

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(c) A note on the action taken by Government is noted below.

STEPS TAKEN TO RELIEVE DISTRESS IN THE SCARCITY AFFECTED AREAS.

1. *Relief Works*.—Relief works started in the districts of Tumkur, Chitaldrug and Kolar in the beginning of the year 1951-52 are still being continued.

The programme of relief works has been expanded to the extent possible with the available resources to all the other areas which were affected by the failure of rains in this year 1952-53. Works under the 'Grow More Food' Scheme have been taken up in these areas and an outlay of Rs. 21.57 lakhs has been incurred from 18th August 1952 against an estimated cost of Rs. 75 lakhs. In the affected areas, the District Boards and Village Panchayets have also taken up works within their resources for affording relief.

Up to the end of March 1952, an expenditure of Rs. 94,509 was incurred on relief works in the Districts of Kolar, Tumkur and Chitaldrug. A sum of Rs. 19,58,000 has so far been allotted out of the Famine Reserve Fund in respect of about 2,600 relief works undertaken and under progress. Since the beginning of April, a sum of Rs. 16,87,000 has been expended till 30th September 1952 on relief works bringing the total to Rs. 17,81,509.

2. *Supply of Fodder*.—Fodder is being purchased in the canal area of Mandya District and is being supplied at a subsidised rate to the ryots in the distress areas. So far, 3,900 tons have been supplied at an expenditure of Rs. 5,41,000. Stocks of wheat bran are also being made available at a reduced rate, but even then, they are not finding sales owing to the incapacity of the people to purchase the same.

Non-essential cattle are being moved to the nearest State Forests or grazing grounds where grass is available and here free grazing has been permitted.

3. *Grant of Takavi Loans and Well Subsidy*.—Grant under these heads